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JIM BYARD, JR.
DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Jim Byard, Jr. *GPS*
Director

RE: Special Southern/ South Central Appalachian Program Conference Call

The Appalachian Regional Commission has allocated approximately 1.3 million dollars to Alabama in support of a program designed to target and provide aid to ARC designated distressed counties and/or areas of distress in Alabama. This program is specifically intended to benefit automotive or aviation sector industries in South/ South Central Appalachia and is not restricted to Workforce training.

Under the Program, other investments that support the automotive supplier industry or the aviation sector shall be designed to advance one of the following ARC Strategic Investment Goals:

- a. Economic Opportunities: Invest in entrepreneurial and business development strategies that strengthen Appalachia's Economy.
- b. Ready Workforce: Increase the education, knowledge, skills and health of residents to work and succeed in Appalachia.
- c. Critical Infrastructure: Invest in critical infrastructure-especially broadband; transportation, including the Appalachian Development Highway System; and water/wastewater systems.

Interested parties are invited to participate in a conference call with Alabama's ARC Program staff and Dr. Jeffrey H. Schwartz, ARC Program Operations Division on Thursday, June 16, 2016, beginning 10:00 (cst).

Please use the access code:

Phone Number 866-876-6756

Call in Code 884 7721#

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